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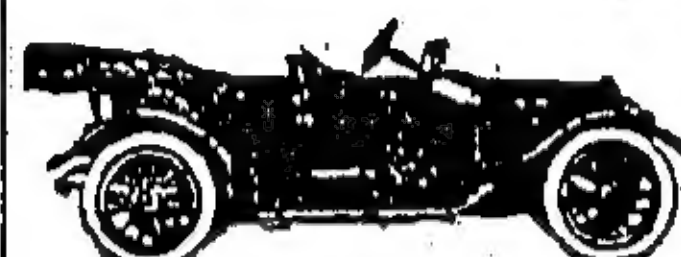
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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE FREE TRADE ISSUE RAISED IN BUDGET DEBATE.

TAX ON CHINA TEA THEN END OF
CHAMBERLAIN WEDGE.

LONDON, May 15.
In the House of Commons, during
the debate on the Budget, Sir Donald
McLean declared that the "imperial
preference proposal" was the start on
a great system of tariff reform
which must include food taxes.

Mr. Chamberlain, interrupting,
said it was no part of the Govern-
ment's proposal to impose new
duties on food.

Sir Donald McLean declared that
the tea preference would irritate
China and possibly affect our trade
relations and exports. The Dominions
had little to do with export
manufactures. He and his supporters
would fight the proposal, which
would smash Free Trade.

Lieut.-Col. Amery said a policy of
imperial preference was advocated
by the imperial conferences, by more
than one royal commission, and by
all the Dominion governments. We
might hope as a result of this small
measure to get an increase, not neces-
sarily of protection in the United
Kingdom, but of inter-imperial free
trade between the Dominions and
the Mother Country and between one
Dominion and another. Surely that
was a worthy object.

A "TIMES" COMMENT.
The Times says the introduction of
imperial preference marks an epoch
in the history of British Budgets, and
hopes it will be generally accepted
on its merits without undue associa-
tion with larger controversies.

Col. Amery said there was a very
strong body of free-traders in Canada
who wanted Free Trade in certain
categories of goods and in other
categories fifty per cent. preference
within the Empire. He opined
that if this policy had been
carried out in 1903 we should not
have had the very heavy war time
food prices. The world had moved
in the last sixteen years. Canada
was becoming a great industrial and
manufacturing country. She would
be capable under substantial prefer-
ence in the next few years of
supplying quite as much effective
competition to keep our manu-
factures alive as any free-trader
could desire.

Col. Amery declared that a prefer-
ence import on manufactures would
be of appreciable value to Canada
which was becoming a great manu-
facturing country. It was not a gift
to any of the Dominions but em-
bodied a principle which would be
incalculably valuable in the future.
Continuing, Col. Amery emphasised
the great potential value of prefer-
ence to the empire overseas. For
instance, only seven per cent. of our
total consumption of sugar came
from the empire but the over-
seas empire could produce enough
sugar for five United Kingdoms.
The empire produced only two per
cent. of the tobacco we consumed,
yet South Africa, Rhodesia, Nyasa-
land, the West Indies, and possibly
Nigeria, certainly India, could pro-
duce all our requirements. That was
the goal placed before growers
throughout the empire. As regards
tea, the result of a twopenny reduc-
tion would be to lower consumers'
prices and improve the quality. We
were entering upon a new period in
the history of the empire and would
progress only if these problems were
regarded from the viewpoint of
wider unity of the empire.

"DOMINION QUARTERS"
PLEASED.

Reuter learns there is a general
feeling of satisfaction in Dominion
quarters with the movement towards
imperial preference. Sir George
Perley said the government and
people of Canada will be much
pleased at Britain adopting the
principle of empire preference.
He opined it would cause increased
trade between various parts of the
empire, and afford Canada an
opportunity of supplying goods to
British markets which formerly came
from enemy countries. It is a step
towards making the empire self-
supporting.

Hon. W. P. Schreiner said all parts
and all people of South Africa would
welcome this first step in the direc-
tion they had long hoped to see. It
afforded an opportunity for South African
wines and spirits and was likely to
be productive of great mutual benefit.
He hoped the step would result in
strengthening empire relations.

Sir Thomas Mackenzie said the
step was in the direction of the
aspirations of New Zealand. He
hoped the new departure, which
was at present limited, would develop.
Anyhow it would enable the British
people to negotiate with other
nations on a more equitable basis.

THE AFGHAN "WAR."

SIMLA, May 12.

Our advanced troops at Landi Kotal
having been reinforced, we developed
our attack on the morning of the
Eleventh, against Afghans holding
the Khargal position in force. The
attack was completely successful.
We now hold Khargal, securing us
Baga village and its springs. We
captured three guns and two horse
teams. Aerial reconnaissances up to
midday yesterday reported numbers
of the enemy retreating from the spur
about Khargal into Nala, leading
towards Dakka. Our casualties are
reported slight. The attitude of our
independent tribes continues satis-
factory. The Khoshtals are disap-
pointed at the promised distribution
of arms not having been fulfilled.

Reports from Landi Kotal show
that the Afghans were heavily pun-
ished in the action of the Eleventh.
We captured six guns, including one
Gardner gun. The enemy losses in
killed are estimated at about one
hundred. We buried many. These
figures exclude the casualties inflicted
by the aeroplanes. More distant
bombing raids which are reported
had an excellent effect at Jawalabad
and Ningrahar. This is evident
because Loc Dakma, the advanced
headquarters and concentration
point of the Afghan regular troops
is reported by aerial reconnaissance
to be still evacuated. A successful
air raid was also made against Chora
Fort at the eastern end of the
Bazar Valley, belonging to the
malcontent Afridi Malik, who are
threatening trouble to our commu-
nications with Khyber Pass and whom
the tribesmen asked us to punish.
The enemy on the Dakka front is
reported suffering from shortage of
rations which is very probable in
view of the deserted state of
Jalalabad Dakka road, as reported
by our airmen. The Darajat Bannu
borders report all quiet. The
demeanour of all the independent
tribes continues satisfactory. Our
total casualties to date are: British
killed, four; wounded, 19. Indian
killed, seven; wounded, 22.

BOMBS BY MAIL

TERRORISM IN THE U.S.A.

LONDON, MAY 15.

New York to-day reports that 36
bombs were discovered in the mails at
New York and elsewhere. The Post
Office authorities are convinced that
the discovery has unearthed a plot by
terrorists to assassinate high person-
ages as a Mayday demonstration.
The majority of the addressees were
prominent anti-reds, including Sena-
tor Hardwick, the author of the bill
to prevent immigration. His wife
was injured by the bomb. A coun-
trywide search is being made for the
perpetrators.

The agents of the department of
justice believe the bombs found in
the mails were of German origin.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, May 15.

Sir Frank Crisp is dead, at the age
of 76.
[He was senior partner in a London
firm of solicitors, and was knighted
in 1907 for his work on the Board of
Trade Committee for the Amendment
of Companies Act. He was raised to
the Baronetcy in 1915. Company
law and microscopy were his chief
interests.—Ed. C. M.]

PARIS CONFERENCE.

LONDON, May 15.

Paris reported yesterday that the
Council of Three was occupied with
the financial claims of Belgium.
Simultaneously a council of ministers
was held at Brussels presided over
by the King, whereat the Cabinet
was informed of the exchange of
views yesterday between the Belgian
plenipotentiaries and the Council of
Three at Paris. It was decided that
Ministers Jaspard, Renkin, and
Franch should return immediately to
Paris to define the instructions to
the delegates.

GERMANY MAY JOIN THE LEAGUE IN A YEAR.

Lord Robert Cecil will probably be
the British representative of the
organizing committee of the League
of Nations. It is possible Germany
will be admitted to the League after
a short probation, probably a twelve
month, on the ground of the bene-
ficial influence of the League in
moulding the new Germany.

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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GERMAN DOINGS.

LONDON, May 15.

It is reported from Vienna that
the Hungarian government is over-
thrown. Berlin newspapers state
that the People's Commissaries for
food, war, and foreign affairs have
arrived at Vienna with their families,
this indicating flight from Budapest.

The Spartacist committee at
Munich has offered a cessation of
fighting if Hoffman's troops are
guaranteed not to enter the city.
The government troops refused and
demanded unconditional surrender.

Latest reports from Berlin and
Munich say the Spartacists every-
where are retreating. The Red
Army is gradually approaching
dissolution.

Government troops have penetrated
Munich defences from the north.
Severe fighting continued at
night time around the railway-
station. Many workers surren-
dered their arms. The disintegration
of the Red Army is proceeding
rapidly. The majority of the in-
habitants welcomed the government
men. Many of them participated in
the fighting against the Reds. It is
reported that the Spartacists murder-
ed a number of prominent hostages,
including Count Bothmer.

THE BOLSHIEVIST WAR.

LONDON, May 15.

The Bolshieviks were evacuating
Petrograd on April 29. Finlanders
expect the fall of Petrograd in a few
weeks.

TROTSKY IN A HURRY.

LONDON, May 15.

Copenhagen learns from Libau
that the Russian Soviet government
is making extraordinary efforts to
secure troops for an offensive against
general Kolchak. Trotsky has
appealed for swift and thorough
action as it is necessary to defeat
General Kolchak in the shortest
possible time.

LONDON, May 15.

In the House of Commons Mr.
Harnsworth in reply to a question
said negotiations were being conduct-
ed for the exchange of all British
naval, military, and civilian prisoners
at present in the hands of the
Russian Bolshieviks.

Libau reports that the situation
is acute. The attempted appoint-
ment of the new cabinet failed. A
prominent Lutheran pastor nominated
as premier promptly refused. Mean-
while the Allies are withholding food
supplies. The danger of civil war is
growing.

Copenhagen learns from Berlin
that there is terrible misery in Riga.
Ten thousand people of all national-
ities whom the Bolshieviks banished
to the islands of the Dvina without
assistance, and scantily clad, will
succumb unless help of the speediest
is sent. The Baltic Women's Associa-
tion has appealed for help to all the
Red Cross societies.

PRESENTING THE PRACE TERMS.

DESCRIPTION.

LONDON, May 2.

Paris reports that the ceremony of
the verification of credentials on
May 1 lasted five minutes and was
most dignified and noteworthy. M.
Jules Cambon, who was ambassador
at Berlin in 1914 was the Allied
spokesman. Count Rantzau, enter-
ing the hall of the Trianon palace,
was visibly affected.

M. Cambon intimated that he was
appointed to receive and examine
credentials before the deliberations
which it was hoped would lead to
peace. Count Rantzau replied simply,
and presented Herr Landsberg,
whereafter M. Cambon presented his
Allied colleagues. The German
credentials were countersigned by
Ebert and Schiedemann and seal-
ed with the word "Reich" German for
empire.

LABOUR DAY IN U.S.A.

FATAL FIGHT.

LONDON, May 2.

A message from Cleveland, Ohio,
says that the Mayday demonstrations
a general fight occurred between
Socialists and others attending a
Liberty Loan meeting. One bystander
was killed and three policemen shot;
200 persons were badly injured.

New York reports that Mayday
parades and demonstrations in
various cities resulted in several
minor encounters with the authorities,
notably at Boston, where 100 were
arrested, and a number injured by
stray shots. Chicago prohibited the
procession, which started all the
same, and was broken up by the
police.

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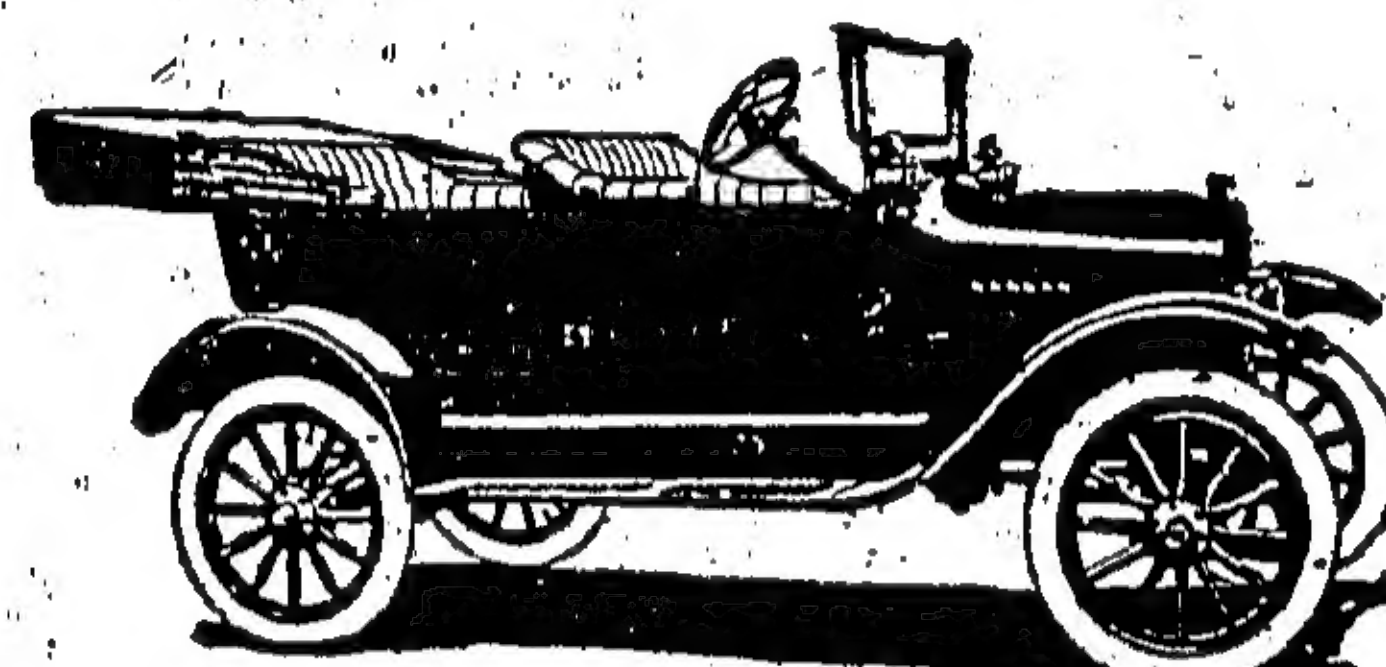
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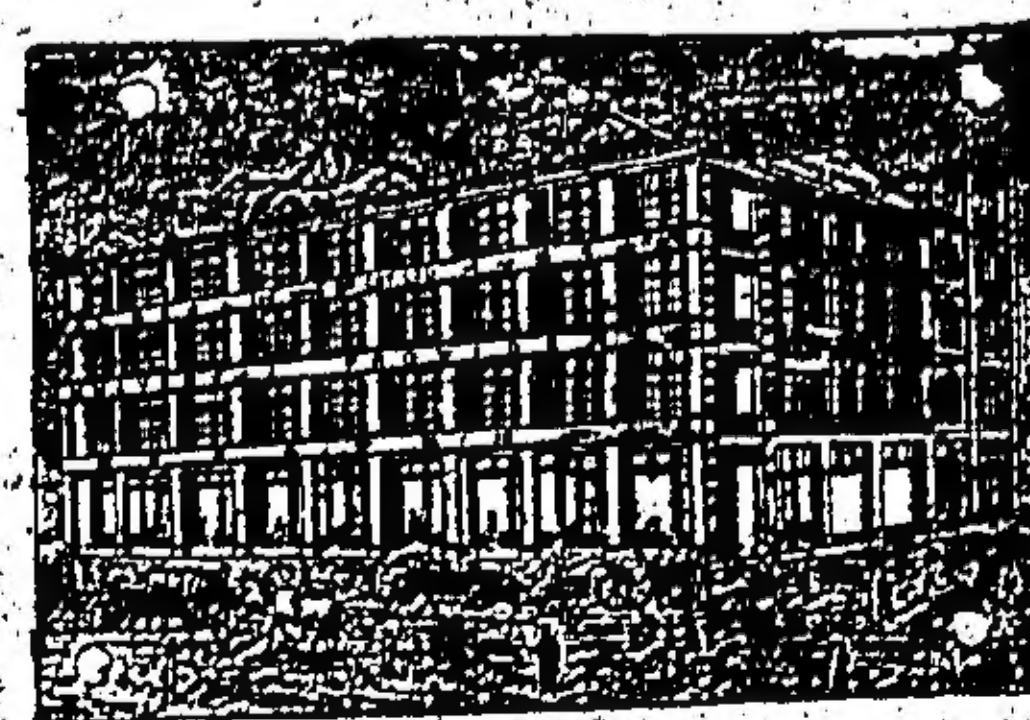
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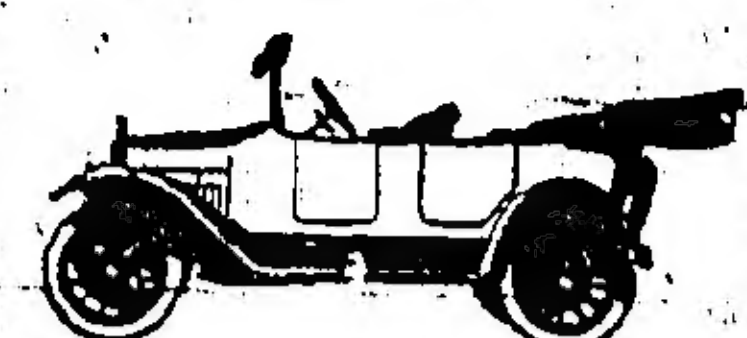
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his mother will support him from her
own means. This extraordinary
accumulation of the principal, though
judicious investments has been made
known by accountants, who have
given their estimate following the
mother's formal acknowledgment to
the Surrogate's Court that she does
not want any part of her son's estate,which is now yielding \$28,000 yearly.
Colonel Astor was drowned in the
Titanic. His widow married Mr.
William K. Dick, a Brooklyn news-
paper proprietor. She has wealth of
her own, and Mr. Dick is also well-
to-do. Mrs. Dick is her son's legal
guardian.

WHERE TO FIND HOUSES.

A return of empty houses in Lam-
both shows 427 empty houses or
tenements and 234 empty places too
dilapidated for occupation.When Drainage (Essex) Council
discussed local dilapidated cottages
a councillor said that one was occu-
pied by a soldier owing a month's
rent. The wind blew through
cracks in the walls with such force
that, according to the councillor, the
soldier, by putting the mouth-gag
against a crack and then moving it
up and down was able to extract the
popular airs to which he had been
accustomed in the trenches.NELSON CUPS FOR THE
ADMIRALTY.On the 112th anniversary of the
battle of Trafalgar, Mrs. Ferguson, of
Kelvinville, Glasgow, has given to the
Admiralty two Sheffield plate cups
which, according to tradition, were
used as communion cups on board
H.M.S. Victory at the time of the
famous battle. They can be traced
to the niece of the captain of the
vessel, and have been presented "in
appreciation of what the Navy has
done in the present war." They are
to be kept in the naval barracks
church at Portsmouth.

COUNTS'S \$2,200 SEIZED.

The President of the Prize Court
on March 25 condemned as prize
\$2,200 taken in paper money from
Countess Ella Matroschka, wife of a
German count, who was travelling
with Count Bernstorff's suite when
the former German Ambassador at
Washington was returning to Ger-
many under safe conduct. The
British Foreign Office gave permis-
sion for sufficient money to be car-
ried for the reasonable requirements
of the journey. They allowed the
lady to retain \$400, and they con-
fiscated the money she carried.

NEXT VICEROY.

A home paper hints that the next
viceroy may be, not Lord Willingdon
nor Lord Amhurst but the Duke of
Northumberland. If the prophecy
proves true, this will be the first
time since 1858 that a Duke has been
appointed viceroy. His Grace, of
Northumberland, who was born in
1880, succeeded his father
as Duke in 1911. He has had experience of the
South African war as well as the
recent world war. He married in
1911 Lady Helen Gordon Lennox,
daughter of the Duke of Richmond
and Gordon, and their son, Earl
Percy, was born in 1912. His elder
brother, Earl Percy, died before his
father.CHANGES IN ROYAL MAIL STEAM
PACKET CO.The court of directors of the Royal
Mail Steam Packet Company have
appointed Mr. H. A. P. Cotton, head
of the passenger department, to be
an assistant manager of the com-
pany, and Mr. D. I. Connolly, as-
sistant secretary, to be the secretary
to the company in place of the late
Mr. A. H. Bennett.

THE CHEPSTOW FIASCO.

The remarkable and astonishing
revelations which have been made
concerning the national shipyards at
Chepstow and Beaulieu will, no
doubt, lead to a discussion in Parlia-
ment, if not to the appointment of a
Commission of Enquiry. According
to present information, the scheme
might have been of national benefit
if it had been carried out properly,
but the constant changes of plan,
and absence of technical knowledge
of shipbuilding by the authorities,
have led to an appalling waste of
public money for practically no re-
sult whatever. For our part, we are
chiefly concerned to know whether
the expenditure on these yards is
part of the sum charged up to the
"bricks-and-mortar" vote of the
Navy Estimates. The Works vote
for 1919-20 absorbs six and a half
millions, compared to three and a
half millions in 1914-15. Although
the project may have originally been
charged to Naval votes, it has
nothing whatever to do now with
the Navy.ROBERT BURNS AND PREHISTORIC
MAN.Professor Arthur Keith has pro-
posed an interesting theory as to
Robert Burns' descent from prehis-
toric man. He thinks it quite pos-
sible that the poet had a prehistoric
ancestor lying in a grave at Oban.
He takes one of the skulls found in
MacArthur's Cave at Oban—probably
that of the most ancient inhabitant
of Scotland of the Eolithic and hunt-
ing tribe—and declares it has a re-
markable resemblance to the skull
of Burns, of which four or five casts
exist. Burns had an extremely long
skull, like the one in the cave. His
father was a Campbell from Kin-
cardineshire, but further back he
could be traced to the West Coast.
His mother was probably a High-
land woman, so it was not impos-
sible that there should be an actual
relationship between this ancient in-
habitant of Oban and the great poet
of Scotland. Burns' skull was,
however, half an inch wider, whether
as the result of culture or of new
blood. Professor Keith will not pre-
tend to judge. Burns retained the
skull of his father, but added
ancient length of skull, but added
to its width, and it measured 1,800
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SATURDAY,

May 17, 1919, at 12 Noon,
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of
Ice House Street,
Five well bred Fox-terrier Pups,
(8 weeks old).
Terms—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, May 13, 1919.

SATURDAY,

17th May, 1919,
commencing at 2.30 p.m.,
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,
Des Vaux Road, Corner of
Ice House Street,
A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
Chinese Porcelains, Carols, &c.
Comprising—
A large variety of 5-coloured and
3-coloured Vases, Bowls, Plates, &c.,
blue and white Vases and Figures, &c.,
old Bronzes, including Incense Burners
of the Sung and Ming Dynasties,
Pekinese cloisonne, amber, jaderstone,
crystal and agate Vases and Ornaments,
Beads, &c., carved Bamboo and Sandal-
wood Ware, Snuff Bottles, &c.

Also
Old Lacquered Screens, Kakemonos
& Embroideries, including large Screen
of Coromandel Lacquer, representing on
one side: The Tomb of King Wha, and
the country surrounding it, famous
of Chinese General of the dynasty of
the Nam-Tang (1157) who was success-
ful in putting the Mongols to flight,
and reconquering China. On the other
side: History of a famous pirate (Ting
Grang) in Chinese romance in 12
panels—Period Kiensung 1736-1791.
And
Fire Screen, 8 small panels, Chinese
painting on glass, scenes of Chinese
life, period Kiensung (1736-1791).
The greater portion of the above
stock has recently arrived from the
North and includes pieces from the
Sung, Ming, Kanghi, Yungching, Kien-
lung and Tzongkong Periods.
On view day of sale,
Catalogues will be issued.
Terms—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, May 12, 1919.

(For Account of the Concerned),

TUESDAY,

May 20, 1919, commencing
at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms,
No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of
Ice House Street,

TEAKWOOD AND BLACKWOOD
FURNITURE, BRASS AND BRASS-
MOUNTED DOUBLE AND TWIN
BEDSTRADES, CURTAINS, CARPETS,
&c., &c.,
Comprising—

Chesterfield Sofas, Arm-chairs
(new) Folding Card and Occasional
Tables, One Upholstered Suite, Bedroom
Furniture, comprising Teakwood Twin
Bedsteads, large and small Wardrobes,
Dressing Tables, Washstands, &c.,
(tanned Teakwood), Slideboards, Dinner
Wagons, Extension Dining Tables
and Chairs, &c., Dinner Services,
Crockery, and good Glass Ware,
Cooking Stoves, Cutlery, &c.,
Bath Room Utensils, Electro-Plated
Ware,
Electric Bedding Lamps, Blackwood,
Teakwood and Lacquered Screens, a
quantity of Blackwood Furniture,
Blackwood Fire Screens, Side Tables,
Chairs, Cabinets, Pictures, &c., Oil
Paintings, Several Carpets new and
second-hand.

And
Collard & Collard Piano (good tone),
and one Richea.
(Full Particulars from Catalogues).
Terms—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, May 14, 1919.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (For Account of the Concerned),

TUESDAY,

May 20, 1919, at 2.30 p.m.,
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux
Road, Corner of Ice House Street,
Students Microscope by
Beck London.

Also
Three boxes mounted specimens,
chiefly natural history,
all in first class condition.
Terms—Cash.

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A QUANTITY OF
USEFUL HOUSEHOLD LINENS,
DRAWN WORK, & EMBROIDERIES,
Comprising—

HOUSEHOLD LINENS—Single and
Double Plain and Hemstitched Sheets,
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Linen Damask Serviettes, Glass Cloths,
Sath Towels, Face Towels, &c., &c.
DRAWNWORK—Bedspreads, Pillow
Cases, Tray Cloths, &c., &c.
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Covers, Tea Cloths, Runners 18 by 54 in.
A few lots of Suit Cases and
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purchasers).
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HUGHES & HOUGH,
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY
YEARLY MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS will be held at
the Office of the Undersigned on
WEDNESDAY, the 21st May, 1919,
at 11.30 A.M.

The TRANSFER BOOKS and
REGISTER of Members of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 7th
May to the 21st May, 1919, both days
inclusive.
Immediately after the above men-
tioned Meeting the General Agents in
pursuance of Article 17 of the Com-
pany's Articles propose to ask the
Consulting Committee to sanction a call
of \$50 per Share in respect of the
monies unpaid on the shares held by
members of the Company.

At the same time the General Agents
will also under Article 104 (p) ask for
the sanction of the Consulting Com-
mittee to the payment of a special
dividend of . \$50 per Share (payable
immediately after the call) out of the
Reserve Fund.
Should these sanctions be obtained
the Transfer Books and Register of
Members will be CLOSED for an
additional 14 days, i.e., until and includ-
ing the 4th June, 1919.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Agents,
Hongkong, April 30, 1919.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
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the Company's Office, St. George's
Buildings, on SATURDAY, May 17,
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Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from May
3 to May 17, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents,
Hongkong, April 28, 1919.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF

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ber, 1918, and of declaring Dividends, &c.

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Society will be CLOSED from the 12th
May to 22nd May, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
C. H. P. HAY,
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Hongkong, May 9, 1919.

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kong Hotel, Hongkong, on FRIDAY,
the 23rd day of May, 1919, at Noon,
for the purpose of receiving the Report
of the General Managers together with
a Statement of Accounts to the 31st
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The REGISTER OF SHARES of
the Company will be CLOSED from
MONDAY, the 19th day of May to
MONDAY, the 26th day of May, 1919,
both days inclusive, during which
period no Transfer of Shares can be
Registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers,
Hongkong, May 13, 1919.

HONGKONG POLO CLUB.

EMPIRE DAY.

A POLO CLUB GYMKHANA will
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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MAY 16, 1919.

CROWN COLONY AND TARIFF PROTECTION.

At a farewell luncheon on May 6, at which the Malay States Chamber of Commerce entertained the retiring High Commissioner, who is also governor of the Straits Settlements, Sir Arthur Young made a speech ostensibly in favour of imposing import duties on articles which might be manufactured locally. This utterance is certain to attract considerable attention, because Malaysia, like Hongkong, has thrived on a "Free Trade" policy. We think the speech should not be taken too seriously. We think Sir Arthur Young did not mean it to be so taken. In the first place, it was made at a luncheon in the club, in reply to a toast. In the second, it was frankly jocular. And in the third place, Sir Arthur was conspicuously careful to remind his auditors more than once that his words, his "views," were in no way binding on his successor. It is difficult to see how he could have talked in any other way, at a luncheon. He was the guest of the business community, whose spokesman had particularly enquired whether Government support could be relied upon in establishing local manufacturing industries. The attitude of the Government towards the two great productions of the country, tin and rubber, has been such as to make an enquiry like that inevitable. Tin and rubber have been its milk cows. It seems to us that the question hinted more at direct subsidies than at the indirect support of protection—a proposal that would be startling, but less shocking to old hands than the departure from the wise policy of Sir Stamford Raffles. Sir Arthur Young, however, was in an expansive and (non-committal) generous mood. He said—

"I would say further that in addition to imposing an import duty the Government—and when I say the Government I say I am not binding in any way my successor (laughter)—the Government would be quite willing to consider and to give any other reasonable facilities that could be given. I see that the chairman has referred to Jamaica. Well, I do not know the circumstances of Jamaica, whether Government put up that £250,000 or on what conditions. I do not know, but I am certain, that the Government here are quite willing to put up—I do not say put up, and not get back anything (laughter)—would be quite willing to put up £250,000 to establish an industry. (Applause.)"

Subsidies are more Japanese or German than British, but we are not averse from them. They have been useful before now, and as the Federal Government of Malaysia has even been doing a little "state trading" (communal manufacturing) on its own account, the offer of subsidies is not such a significant departure as tariff protection was. On this Sir Arthur Young said:

"I have been asked my views on certain matters. When I give my views I must not be thought that I am binding in any way my successor. (Laughter.) I am not doing so, and I do not suppose he would be bound by what I say. The first point which the chairman referred to was whether Government support could be relied upon in establishing local manufacturing industries. The answer is, shortly, of course, it can be relied upon. (Hear, hear.) I am prepared in order to establish local industries, industries which there is every prospect can be established, to impose an import duty on the article which it is proposed to turn out locally. (Applause.) I should only impose that duty for a certain term of years. If the industry could not be established within that term of years, then I consider that it is an industry which would not be worth subsidizing. (Hear, hear.)"

It was following that that he said the piece previously quoted. As we have said, we are not prepared as yet to take these utterances in the light of serious proposals. Not only the new Governor and High Commissioner, but the Council, official and unofficial, to say nothing of the Press and public of Malaysia, will have something to say before it comes to that. It would seem, however, *prima facie*, that if a local industry, manufacturing goods which coming from elsewhere have to pay insurance and freight, could not establish itself without an initial protective tariff, it would scarcely deserve such artificial encouragement. If an article of popular consumption cannot be produced locally at a profit, when free of all the middlemen's charges by which imports are already handicapped, then we should say the consuming public would not be greatly advantaged by its encouragement on the lines suggested. While we are anxious to encourage more and more manufacturers to establish themselves in Hongkong, it is from that angle—the good of the public—that the *China Mail* would view any local proposals to bribe them on lines in accordance with the "views" of Sir Arthur Young of Singapore. Imagine our position in the case of some article of popular consumption for which the shipper, the insurer, the importer, and the retailer already make us pay "through the nose," if

an import duty were added to the price. We should, of course, turn to the (slightly) cheaper local product, and hope that it would prove to be (like Japanese tobacco, for example) as good as the imported stuff. And then, paying in taxes our share of the interest on the subsidy granted (in addition) by our Government, we should, while admiring the growth of our Colony's manufactures, do little sums in mental arithmetic endeavouring to ascertain how much we really were paying for it. There is wisdom in the adage which bids us consider the cost of the candle required by any flame. There is sense in the attitude which measures both means and ends, to see if their ratio be fair and right and profitable. Sir Arthur Young was not faced with an immediate practical issue. He was not speaking officially. He was speaking as a man done with his job, in an atmosphere of friendly chaff, and filled with a sense of irresponsibility and (we hope) a good luncheon.

COLLARS AND TIES.

Now that the swimming season has come again, the collar and the tie give more trouble than usual, have to be dealt with, that is to say, at least once often in the day than before. There is a philosophy of the collar, if we could but find it. A man dressing after a swim the other day must have been groping for it. "Why do we have to bother with collars and ties, anyway?" he suddenly demanded. His companion suggested that one of those ready-made ties would save trouble. "No. If we must wear them, we may as well wear the right kind," retorted the impatient one, and was swiftly ashamed.

He realized on the instant that to be logically minded enough to see the folly of collars, a purposeless article of attire, while entertaining the prejudice against ready-made ties, was a weakness. To be quite fair to himself, he recognized also that a diminution of the trouble would not answer his objection, which was the utter absence of purpose in the collar. When a dog wears a collar there is a reason for it. It makes it convenient to tie the dog up, to restrict its liberty. A collar restricts a man's liberty and comfort—for all men enjoy the loose and open neck in hot weather—without his being tied by anything more tangible than a stupid sequaciousness to custom—or, in this man's case, by an equally stupid fear of the criticism of the majority who do not think there is such a thing as the collar question, and who are slaves to the custom of wearing them.

Bolsheviks, they say, have banned the collar. Is it possible that they are intellectually awake to its absurdity? That is not likely. More probably they recognise it as a badge of the bourgeoisie, and hate what it stands for. More probably still, the story may be a lie. Lenin wears a collar, as do many of them. Yes, it would be just a lie, or a joke like Paderewski's about their antipathy to people who use tooth-brushes.

The origin of the collar is not difficult to guess. Originally it must have been the part of the shirt which showed above the tie, when the tie really was a tie—a thing to tie it to, to keep that part of the shirt in order. Naturally that part of the shirt would droop over the tie. It would be noticed that by emphasising the droop, the tie was made to do its work the better. So gradually the points, or wings, or pokes of the Byronic collar evolved. How the starch came is not so easy a question. Not to be greedy, and grab all the pleasure of such philosophic reflections, we will leave it to *China Mail* readers to solve for themselves.

The function of shoes is plain enough, though even there we allow them to tyrannize over us where the function ceases; and inhuman mothers put baby feet that do not walk into useless limitations of these foot shields. The use of the sock also is recognizable, and of the hat. The other garments proclaim their purpose, and serve it more or less well. Only the collar lacks reason, and since the invention of the button, the tie. We know why we wear them. It is because we were taught to wear them. We know why we go on wearing them, after we see their purposelessness and uselessness and utter lack of excuse. It is because, no tie like to be the first, to appear peculiar, eccentric.

Why? So at last we come to something that has more force than reason. We seem to have come up against an instinct to have found one of Kant's Categorical Imperatives. Man is a gregarious animal, and gregariousness favours uniformity. The different may perchance be the Stranger, and from time immemorial the stranger has been the possible Enemy. For millions of years man has been challenging. *Qui vive?* That is why, for all his talk of civilization, he is still more *Homo ferus* than *Homo sapiens*.

The suggestion has been made that a new instinct is evolving. It is suggested that there is growing an instinctive aversion from the infliction of pain. Not an inculcated compassion, but a rooted instinct against causing pain. The gardener—even the lady gardener—can take the life of a weed without any feeling of compunction, but, so runs the argument, every civilized person has an inhibition to overcome before he or she can kill an animal. Woman,

many men, dislike to crush a cockroach. Even the hardened angler is conscious of a certain repugnance when threading a worm on his hook. The power to feel pain vicariously is an approaching fact of Evolution, is beginning to make its appearance as an instinct of human nature. It is (according to this pleasant hypothesis) the ultimate foundation of civilization, this imaginative capacity to feel the pain experienced by others. We are reminded that it has abolished cock-fighting, bear baiting, bull fighting, badger drawing, the crude forms of cruelty. It has made pugilism unfashionable, except as camouflaged. And it now aims at eliminating War.

It is plausible, but alas! we may as well confess that we cannot accept it. It is true that we feel repugnance on observing, or in some cases on imagining, pain in others; but Descartes would explain that differently. It all comes back eventually to our egotism. We shrink from the sight of that which would be, or which we think would be, unpleasant to feel. Obscurely, subconsciously, death shocks us because it is something which can happen to ourselves. The contemplation of pain hurts us because we are suddenly made aware, even though we do not consciously entertain it as a thought, that the pain itself could hurt us. We can all lightly inflict pain when we are not obliged to witness it. We say of dividends that come from harmful occupations, *non olet*. With a vote, a cheer, a patriotic song even, we send away younger men to die for us.

This age of ours, for which we are happily responsible, is a horrible thing when scientifically observed. It shows its ugly finger into all our affairs, and is busy when we suppose ourselves to be behaving rather admirably. (This is not an argument for Determinism, though it could be so applied). Why, even the dog lovers, those who plume themselves on the fact that they are fond of dogs, and that "dogs take to them," are egotists, most egregiously egotistic. What more egotistic than to train a dog to like only yourself and to be hostile or at least cold to all others? The monopolistic instinct, that is what it amounts to; and that may explain monogamy, and virtue, and all sorts of respectable things into the discussion of which we had better not let our philosophy of collars and ties entice us.

This at least it has led us to, that we must not boast unduly of reason, while instinct still rules our lives. No man who continues to wear a collar, whose uselessness he admits, and the comfort of whose absence he is capable of observing, can claim to be living a reasonable life. His intellect is reserved for academic exercises; his life is guided by something else.

If we thought the Bolsheviks really did hate and despise collars, we would try to think more kindly of them. In spite of the rest of their Bolshevism, we should almost be able to respect them.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL EXHIBITS IN HONGKONG.

"The proper study of mankind," said Pope, "is man," and there isn't a more interesting study in life than ethnology, anthropology, paleontology—call it what you like—any study that has bearing on the history and development of our own genus. Two Dutch journalists, Messrs. A. Rebel and C. Jonker, are opening a little exhibition at the Astor House Hotel to-morrow week (Saturday, May 24), which should interest all who agree with the foregoing. They are on a tour of the world, just arrived from Indo-China, and in the course of their travels visited and dwelt with the Batak of Sumatra, an aboriginal race who still, these two men tell us, continue the practice of cannibalism. Messrs. Rebel and Jonker accumulated a fine set of the representative products of these "anthropophagi," which they propose to show us as a means, primarily, of securing contributions to the cost of their interesting journey. The Batak-Batak have a writing of their own, superficially resembling archaic Siamese, and the exhibits will include specimens of it on bark. When we contemplate the extraordinary philological coincidences occurring in regions as far apart as Madagascar and Hawaii, the family relationships of Malay, Malagasi, and Maori, we begin to suspect that in Malaysia we have some excuse for seeking the parent language, if there be such a thing. However, the Bataks are a little known people, even to the Dutch, and the exhibition by these two visitors should add interestingly to our knowledge.

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WHEN you have pains or lameness in the back, bathe the parts with Chamberlain's Pain-Balm twice a day, massaging with the palm of the hand for five minutes at each application. Then dampen a piece of flannel slightly with this liniment and bind it on over the spot of pain. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 3s 6 7-16d.

To-day's return shows six cases of plague.

No less than 21 ocean-going steamers entered Harbour yesterday.

Latest shipping arrivals include *Siam Maru*, *Tewer*, *Shidzuoka Maru*, *Fausang* and *Hokuto Maru*.

The wedding of Flag-Lieut. R. B. Fenton Livingstone, of Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Tudor's staff, and Miss Eleanor Gonsaulus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Gonsaulus of Singapore, was to have taken place at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, on Wednesday, May 14.

British Malaya has just bid goodbye to one of the most distinguished Europeans in the Peninsula—Lieut-Col. Sir Arthur Adams, Commandant of the Penang Volunteer Corps, member of the Straits Legislative Council, Chairman of the United Malay States Council, the leading barrister in Malaya, and a thoroughly popular man. Sir Arthur Adams left for Home on the P. & O. s.s. *Nelore*.

In view of the recent continued fall of the Kirin Provincial notes and small silver coin notes, the Kirin authorities suspended the entire sales in currency, both spot and future for five days from April 26th under the belief that the steady decline of the currency was due to the cunning manipulations of money exchangers. It is believed that, during the five days, the authorities intend to devise some means of relief.

The representatives of the Shantung Diplomatic Council, the Chinese Guild, and the Congressmen hailing from Shantung, seven in number, called on Premier Chien on May 1, and asked for information about the progress of the Shantung problems at the Peace Conference at Paris. The Premier stated in reply that no instruction to make a concession thereon would be given to the Chinese Peace Delegation at Paris.

Kwoheikitan, arch-leader of the anti-Japanese agitators in the Hun-chun District was put under arrest on April 29 by the Chinese authorities. He once avowed his allegiance to the Japanese Government and visited Seoul at the head of a sight-seeing party. He changed his attitude later and rallied Korean undesirable and played an active part in the Korean agitations. He is expected to be surrendered shortly to the Japanese authorities.

On closer examination concerning the recent conflagration at Yokohama, it was found that there were 13 seriously injured and 61 slightly injured, and that the extent of damage was about ¥10,000,000. The sufferers from the fire mainly consisted of middle-class people. A relief station was opened to distribute rice balls to the more indigent victims. The Imperial Court despatched a chamberlain to the city to inspect how the victims were faring.

The King has granted authority to wear the decorations, conferred in recognition of valuable services rendered to the Republic of China—Order of the Excellent Crop—Second Class.—Mr. C. A. V. Bowra. Third Class.—Messrs. R. H. Wade, G. F. H. Acheson. Fourth Class.—Messrs. J. H. W. Houston, C. Thorne, L. Sandercock, W. H. C. Weippert, R. F. C. Hedgeland. Fifth Class.—Messrs. W. J. Hewitt, R. H. Douglas, L. W. C. Lorden, C. D. Arnot. Sixth Class.—Messrs. E. C. Tregillus, E. Molloy, F. G. Becke, A. Morrison, G. Knox, H. E. Sanders, J. W. H. John, P. L. Raeburn, and T. Mellows.

BIG OPIUM SEIZURE.

Recently at the Changchun Railway Station, two large boxes were presented to be booked for Mukden, and the contents were stated to be salted trout. The officials of the Station thought that the boxes were rather heavy for salted fish, and, weighing them, it was found that, while the forwarding agents, who had sent the boxes, had declared the total weight of the two boxes at 362 pounds, it was actually one hundred pounds more. They examined the contents and found the salted fish all right enough, but on closer inspection, sixty-nine tins of opium were found at the bottom and corners of the boxes. The total weight of the opium contained was 4340 lbs., estimated at 150,000 yen. The matter was immediately reported to the Changchun Police. The Forwarding Agents, who had brought the boxes to the station, declared that they had been entrusted to them for shipment by a Chinese named Hsu.

A GOOD RULE FOR THE HOME.

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HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

CHINESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL.

Mr. E. A. M. Williams, the Secretary, writes:

I have pleasure in attaching hereto a copy of Dr. Pearce's report in connection with the first Final Examination of pupils of the Advanced Class.

It may be recalled that the School opened in November, 1918, with 40 students. Owing to the interchange of seats on the coast and depletion consequent upon war conditions, only 5 of the original Members have presented themselves for the Final Examination.

Since the original class started, new classes have been opened and no doubt these in time will turn out proficient students, but even taking into consideration war conditions, the falling off in attendance is disappointing, and is deserving of serious attention by these firms who are convinced, as my Committee is, that a knowledge of the vernacular is not only desirable in the case of those who have something to sell to the Chinese, but in the coming days of increasingly keen competition, may become an essential part of the qualifications of a commercial man.

The study of any Chinese dialect undoubtedly means hard work and much sacrifice of time, both business and leisure, but the reward is great for the firm and should be made so for the employee.

Now that so many young men are arriving in the Colony, some to join their old firms, and still more who are making their first acquaintance with the Far East, it behoves employers to make it a condition of service that their employees should study the language.

The names of those who have successfully passed their examination and obtained certificates of proficiency are: Messrs. A. K. Mackenzie (Messrs. Reiss & Co.), F. Bevington and K. S. Morrison (Messrs. Bradley & Co., Ltd.), D. K. Moss and A. W. Smith (Messrs. Alex. Ross & Co.), and my Committee feel that the occasion is one worthy of mutual congratulation and publicity.

As a matter of general interest, I would point out that the standard of efficiency attained by the Chamber's pupils is believed to be considerably higher than any standard, generally speaking, which the Germans obtained on the spoken language. No doubt there were many Germans of distinguished linguistic ability, but the reputation enjoyed by the bulk of those who professed to speak the language, was founded on a very slender and elementary knowledge.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

ADVANCED CLASS.

Examination for Certificates. The Director of Studies submits, for the information of the Chamber, the following Report.

2. An Examination, determining the issue of Certificates, was held on Saturday, 12th April, in the Language School Room, Mr. N. G. Nolan, Chief Interpreter, Supreme Court, Hongkong, being the Examiner.

3. Five members of the Class: Messrs. A. K. Mackenzie, F. Bevington, K. S. Morrison, D. K. Moss and A. W. Smith, presented themselves.

4. The standard of proficiency, set forth in the Syllabus of the School, as the condition of obtaining a Certificate, viz., "Ability to transact in the Cantonese language, all ordinary business, with facility, safety and accuracy" was adjudged to be sufficiently attained by each pupil. The five, under reference, were accordingly passed for Certificates by the Independent Examiner.

5. The Director of Studies desires to add an expression of his personal satisfaction with the work of the Class and the results of the examination.

THOMAS W. PEARCE,

Director of Studies.

Hongkong, April 16, 1919.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN.

IN "A DOG'S LIFE."

A few people witnessed a private showing of "A Dog's Life" at Messrs. Pathe's yesterday afternoon. This new Chaplin film is splendid. It is stated in the introduction "not genuine" without this signature, "Charlie Chaplin." It would be easier to say non-genuine without Charlie's foot-stamp, while his signature could easily be copied, his feet can not. "Imitations are always recognizable as such."

In "A Dog's Life" Charlie is at his best which is saying something. A little sadness mixed with a lot of mirth, an amusing love story and the tale of a dog. A wonderfully clever dog it is and takes a worthy part in the picture.

This is the best of all Charlie Chaplin films the *China Mail* has seen. It's a real stunner. It is showing for the first time on Monday, May 19, at the Victoria Theatre. There is sure to be a crowded house. Seats can be secured by booking at Anderson's.

MANILA OLYMPIAD RESULTS.

CHINA WINS FOOTBALL.

[China Mail's Special Correspondent.]

MANILA, May 16.

The *China Mail's* special correspondent telegraphs the following results of the Manila Olympiad on May 15: Broad Jump.—1st, Maehuan (Philippines); 2nd, Santos (Philippines); 3rd, Saavedra (Philippines). Decathlon.—China won this event, her representatives taking 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

Tennis.—(1st day): Japan beat China and Philippines. China had to give the Philippines a walk-over as Choo was unable to play.

Ng Sze Kwong beat Nomura (Japan), 6-1, 6-2. Choo lost to Nomura, 6-8, 6-0. Ng Sze Kwong beat Mikami (Japan), 3-6, 6-1, 6-3. In the third set the Japanese player led by 3 games and was 40 up in the fourth after which Ng Sze Kwong rallied splendidly and won the game 6-3.

Choo lost to Mikami, 1-6, 0-6. Football.—China won one match by 2-0, and lost one by 1-2. The final is to-day.

Volley Ball.—China won one and lost two matches. One more match to play yet.

Basket Ball.—China won one and lost two matches.

LATER.

100 Yards Race.—1st, Catalan (Philippines); 2nd, Maehuan (Japan); 3rd, Maehuan (Philippines). Time, 10 seconds.

120 Yards High Hurdle Race.—1st, Rubaya (Philippines); 2nd, Bucoy (Philippines); 3rd, Buenaventura (Philippines). Time, 16 1-5 seconds.

Throwing the Discus.—1st, Alvarez (Philippines); 2nd, Tu Jung Tung (China); 3rd, Mang Chiniao (China). Distance, 135 feet, 8 inches.

Putting the Shot.—1st, Alvarez (Philippines); 2nd, Mang Chiniao (China); 3rd, Merced (Philippines). Distance, 37 feet, 4 inches. This beat the record.

Half Mile Race.—1st, Sayeki (Japan); 2nd, Madinas (Philippines); 3rd, Tudurus (Philippines). The time achieved beat the previous record by 2-5 seconds.

Half Mile Relay Race.—1st, Philippines; 2nd, China. Time, 1 min., 33 1-5 seconds.

LATER.

Football.—China won the final by 2 goals to 1. Volley Ball.—China won and qualified for the final which takes place to-morrow (May 16).

RETURN OF ATHLETES.

A telegram from another source says that the 16 Northern athletes leave Manila by the *Wongang*, and the South China athletes return here by the *Empress of Asia*.

[The decathlon means the most points obtained by a competitor in 10 events. The pentathlon (five events) was more common.]

THE GLAMOUR OF THE SEA.

The dangers of a seafaring life during the submarine menace had no fear for a large number of women who were anxious to obtain positions as stewardesses on our liners, and it is remarkable what numerous applications were received during that time by the various shipping companies in this direction. Now that the German pirate is no more, and shipping is free from U boat dangers, the number of applications from women of all ranks for positions as stewardesses is abnormal. "The number of letters we are receiving is enormous," remarked an official of a leading company recently. This applies to most companies. The majority of these applications come from women who have been released from war work. Hundreds of applications are also being received from boys who are anxious to take to sea life. On account of the shortage of tonnage disappointment must be felt by these aspirants to earn their living on the deep, for very few of these applicants are successful. Still it is pleasing to note that the spirit of centuries, which has made the British Mercantile Marine, is as alive to-day as over it was.

TENNIS LEAGUE.

The Hongkong Junior Tennis League requires one more club to be made sufficient to run the league. Five teams have signed their intention of competing. These all have their own courts. They are C. R. C., Chinese Y. M. C. A., K. C. C., Club Recreio and Civil Service. Entries close to Mr. E. M. Mohler, c/o Chinese Y. M. C. A. to-morrow. A meeting will be held in the H. K. C. pavilion on Monday next at 5.30. All clubs interested are invited to send representatives.

COMPANY REPORTS.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the fiftieth ordinary meeting to be held on May 22—
The Directors have now the pleasure to submit their Annual Report and Statement of the Company's Account made up to the December 31, 1918.

1917 Account.—This account shows a net profit on working of \$452,600.13 which sum it is proposed to apportion as follows:—
Dividend of \$7.00 and Bonus of \$2.00 per Share on 20,000 shares \$180,000.00
To add to Reinsurance Fund \$130,000.00 130,000.00
To write off Furniture Account 1,425.00
To carry forward to Underwriting Suspense A/c 141,175.13
\$452,600.13

1918 Account.—The Balance at Credit of this Account is \$1,083,677.09

DIRECTORS:

Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. J. A. Plummer retire by rotation and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS:

The annexed accounts have been audited by Messrs. A. R. Lowe and C. Bernard Brown who offer themselves for re-election.

P. H. HOLYOAK,
Chairman.

WORKING ACCOUNT, 1917.
ON DECEMBER 31, 1918.

Net Premia Received, Less Returns and Reinsurances	\$1,255,373.00
Interest and Dividends	176,336.51
	\$1,431,709.51
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Losses and Claims	\$745,172.05
Charges	107,793.49
Directors' and Auditors' Fees	8,000.00
Commission	118,143.84
Balance	452,600.13
	\$1,431,709.51

WORKING ACCOUNT, 1918.
ON DECEMBER 31, 1918.

Net Premia Received, Less Returns and Reinsurances	\$1,681,188.48
Interest and Dividends	184,656.36
	\$1,865,844.84
Losses and Claims	\$449,319.63
Charges	158,364.50
Directors' and Auditors' Fees	8,000.00
Commission	166,483.62
Balance	1,083,677.09
	\$1,865,844.84

BALANCE SHEET, December 31, 1918.

Capital Account.— 20,000 Shares of \$100 each, \$20 per share paid up	\$400,000.00
Reserve Fund—\$2,000,000 upon which \$25 per share called and paid up	1,000,000.00
Extra Reserve Fund \$25,000	148,377.12
Reinsurance Fund Account	835,357.59
Underwriting Suspense Account	343,052.82
Exchange and Investment Fluctuation Account	292,351.75
Sundry Creditors	196,856.58
Working Account 1917 Balance	452,600.13
Working Account 1918 Balance	1,083,677.09
	\$4,752,273.08

ASSETS.

Cash at Bankers on Current and Deposit A/c.— Silver	\$1,168,879.03
Sterling	45,065 1 0 267,464.90
Investments— In Silver Securities	1,275,179.84
In Sterling Securities	446,316.17
	\$120,264 13 6
Loans on Mortgages— On Properties in Hongkong	\$656,250.00
On Properties in Shanghai	149,253.73
	805,503.73
Furniture Account— Office Furniture, &c.	1,425.00
Sundry Debtors	787,504.41
	\$4,752,273.08

Sterling Exchange taken at 3/4 7/16.

P. H. HOLYOAK, Directors.
S. H. DODWELL,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The report to the shareholders at the fifty-third ordinary meeting to be held at the Company's Offices at 12.45 p.m. on Thursday May 22, 1919.
The Board has now to lay before the Shareholders a Balance Sheet containing a summary of the property and liabilities of the Company on December 31, 1918, and a statement of Accounts, together with the sterling equivalents, to the same date.

1917 Account.—After payment of the interim dividend of \$6 per share and the bonus of 20% to contributors, passed at the last annual meeting, there remains a balance of \$1,581,208.72 as per annexed statement. The Board recommends that this sum be appropriated as follows:—
A final dividend to shareholders of \$8 per share on 20,000 shares \$192,000.00
An addition to Reserve Fund of \$5,208.68 @ exchange 3/4 7/16 in order to bring the Fund, after conversion of the Silver Reserve Fund into Sterling @ Exchange 3/4 7/16, up to £165,000 30,911.90
An addition to the Reinsurance Fund of £120,000 @ Exchange 3/4 7/16 712,210.20
To write off Leasehold Property Account \$5,000 @ Exchange 3/4 7/16 29,675.42
To be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense Account to close the account for the year 1917 616,411.20
\$1,581,208.72

1918 Account.—The Balance of Working Account on the 31st December 1918, was \$2,988,102.41 as per annexed statement. The Board recommends that an interim dividend of \$6 per share be paid to shareholders, absorbing \$144,000 and that a bonus of 20% be paid to contributors, absorbing about \$125,000 and that the remainder be carried forward.

DIRECTORS:

Since the last General Meeting Mr. G. T. Edkins has resigned his seat on leaving the Colony and Mr. R. Ross Thomson of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire has joined the Board.
In accordance with Clause 79 of the Articles of Association Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. J. A. Plummer retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

Messrs. A. R. Lowe and C. Bernard Brown retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

P. H. HOLYOAK,
Chairman.

HONGKONG, 22nd April, 1919.

WORKING ACCOUNT, 1917.
ON DECEMBER 31, 1918.

To Net Premium	723,229 8 2	\$ 4,292,428 01
Interest	48,289 18 9	286,604 90
	\$771,519 6 11	\$4,579,032 91
By Agency Commissions	15,426 15 5	91,559 19
Head Office, Branches and Agency Charges	51,900 18 8	308,036 44
Remuneration to Directors, Committees and Auditors	2,173 4 9	12,898 35
Losses and Claims paid	398,606 2 6	2,365,761 23
	\$468,107 1 4	2,778,255 22
Bonus of 20% paid to Contributors	12,732 11 9	75,568 97
Interim Dividend of \$6 per Share	24,262 9 10	144,000 00
Balance	266,417 4 0	1,581,208 72
	\$771,519 6 11	\$4,579,032 91

WORKING ACCOUNT, 1918.
ON DECEMBER 31, 1918.

To Net Premium	766,786 11 9	\$ 4,550,943 57
Interest	52,243 3 1	310,067 56
	\$819,029 14 10	\$4,861,011 13
By Agency Commissions	32,433 0 9	192,611 55
Head Office, Branches and Agency Charges	60,012 17 3	356,181 43
Remuneration to Directors, Committees and Auditors	2,164 11 2	12,846 84
Losses and Claims paid	220,935 3 1	1,311,268 90
Balance	503,464 2 7	2,988,102 41
	\$819,029 14 10	\$4,861,011 13

BALANCE SHEET.
DECEMBER 31, 1918.

To Capital 24,000 Shares of \$33.33 each—\$2,000,000 upon which \$25 per share called and paid up	101,093 15 0	600,000 00
Reserve Fund—\$159,791.13. 4	159,791 13 4	948,377 12
Reinsurance Fund \$193,751.1. 8	193,751 1 8	1,149,929 14
Underwriting Suspense Account	65,786 2 4	390,446 18
Exchange Fluctuation Account	7,488 8 7	44,444 47
Investment Fluctuation Account	36,556 8 11	217,559 13
Working Account 1917 Balance	266,417 4 0	1,581,208 72
1918	503,464 2 7	2,988,102 41
Sundry Creditors	28,068 3 10	166,587 14
	\$1,362,517 0 3	\$ 8,086,654 31

By Cash with Bankers on Current and Deposit Accounts:—

Silver	49,852 19 0	295,881 50
Gold	204,908 8 6	1,216,148 90
Investments in Silver Securities	56,289 0 0	334,080 00
Investments in Gold Securities		
British	688,555 10 4	4,086,635 52
Foreign		
Sundry Debtors including Branch & Agency Balances:— Silver	12,873 18 0	76,407 72
Gold	42,058 17 10	249,623 10
	\$935,522 16 8	
Leasehold Property	307,978 6 7	1,827,877 57
	\$1,362,517 0 3	\$ 8,086,654 31

Sterling Exchange taken at 3/4 7/16.

P. H. HOLYOAK, Directors.
STANLEY H. DODWELL,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.

Auditors' Report.—We report that we have examined the Accounts of the Company at the Head Office with the Books and Vouchers in Hongkong, and Returns received from the various Branches and Agencies for the year ending 31st December, 1918. We have also satisfied ourselves as to the existence and value of the Securities for Investment, the Cash at Bankers to the amounts specified. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required, and in our opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs according to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the Books of the Company.

A. R. LOWE, Chartered Accountants
C. BERNARD BROWN,
Auditors.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1919.

ALLEGED FORGING OF A DEED.

WEALTHY CHINESE WOMAN CHARGED.

A case which created a great deal of interest among the wealthier classes of Chinese, was heard by Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Magistrate's yesterday, when Leung Wai Ching, a woman of smart appearance, was charged with: (1) abetting and procuring some person unknown to forge an indenture of mortgage, dated June 18, 1918, purporting to be made between one Ip Sze To Shi, the complainant, a Chinese woman, and Shui Tai Hing, and disposing of same knowing it to be forged; and (2) abetting, counselling, and procuring some person unknown to forge a deed poll, dated June 18, purporting to be a Power of Attorney from one Ip Sze To Shi, to the defendant, and trying to dispose of the same knowing it to be forged, contrary to Sections 22 and 49 of Ordinance No. 4 of 1865.

TENNIS.

No. 83 CO. R.G.A. v. R.A.O.C.

This Garrison League match was played at Lyemur on Wednesday and after a close contest, won by the 88rd Company by five games. Scores:—
Bdr. Green and Gnr. Perkins, 88rd Co., lost to Lt.-Col. Coles and Rev. Bundle, 4-5; lost to Sub.-Con. Harding and S. Sgt. Prior, 8-6; beat Capt. Mann and S. Sgt. Gibbons, 5-4.
Lieut. Mann and Bdr. Nicholls, beat Coles and Bundle, 5-4; beat Harding and Prior, 6-3; lost to Mann and Gibbons, 4-5.
Capt. Lucy and Sgt. Athorne, beat Harding and Prior, 8-1; beat Mann and Gibbons, 5-4; lost to Coles and Bundle, 3-6.
Totals: No. 83 Co. R.G.A., 43 games; R.A.O.C., 38 games.

plaintiff, as alleged to have persuaded another woman to impersonate complainant and by this means to have executed another mortgage on the same property for \$6,000. It is said that defendant represented to the second mortgagee that she held a Power of Attorney from complainant.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

"Reuter's Service to the China Mail."

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

BRITISH AND ESPECIALLY SMUTS, AS MUCH CREDIT AS WILSON.

IN FIXING PEACE TERMS, BRITISH MORE THAN FILLED THEIR WEIGHT.

Paris, April 30th.
A prominent authority has mentioned the fact that although it is not generally realised, Britain's part in the work of the Peace Conference has been almost preponderating.
He justifies the League of Nations and the Labour Convention, pointing out that the latter was practically wholly a British achievement, whereas Britain claims at least an equal share with President Wilson in the preparation of the League. The naval terms and air clauses of the Peace Treaty were substantially as drafted by the British authorities.
Moreover, the proposal to abolish German conscription, one of the most important clauses, emanated from Britain, while the British view that the "Kaiser" should be tried and those responsible for the atrocities punished ultimately prevailed.

The authority adds that Britain, in other matters, like compensation for submarine, has more than pulled her weight.

WEAT GERMANY LOSES.
As regards what Germany loses by the war, apart from human life, the following is noteworthy:—Germany loses 70 per cent. of her iron ore, 33 per cent. of her coal, 20 per cent. of her potash, between 7,000,000 and 8,000,000 of her former inhabitants, a large proportion of whom are non-Germans; also her Colonies realised Britain's part in the work of and ships.

RUSSIANS TIRED OF BOLSHEVISM.
London, April 30th.
Reuter learns authoritatively that the Russian peasants are increasingly revolted against the Bolshevik Government, especially in the districts near the Volga and in Central Russia.

The Soviet Government has proclaimed martial law in 22 districts. A large number of Soviet agents have been killed in Saratov and Smolensk. The Soviet Government at Moscow is seriously alarmed and is frantically appealing to the proletariat to resist General Koltchak's advance.

Strikes in Petrograd during March were very acute. They were suppressed in the most brutal fashion, in one case boiling water being turned on the congregated workmen.

The Tankoo Dock Company is leasing invitations to the launching of the s.s. War Driver which has been built by the company to the order of the Shipping Controller. The launching takes place at 10 a.m. on May 20.

NOW IS THE TIME.
FOR rheumatism you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Pain Expectorant. Now is the time to get rid of it. Try this liniment and see how quickly it will relieve the pain and soreness. For sale By All Chemists and Storekeepers.

MANCHESTER WEEKLY MARKET REPORT.

Messrs. James F. Hutton and Co., Ltd., Manchester, report on April 2:—
Cotton values are now keeping fairly steady and during the past month prices have not moved very far from the average. This steadiness has not however had much effect on business which is still very quiet. The outlook as regards the next crop, which it is hoped will be a large one as in the years 1913-15, is not too encouraging as planters are being urged to reduce their cotton acreage, lest the crop should be unprofitable owing to the present heavy cost of raising it. Whether they will accept such advice is open to question, but in any case, the weather is the most important factor. We heard of big reductions of acreage when foodstuffs were needed so badly a couple of years ago, but growers were not easily turned off growing cotton. The feature of the cloth market this week is that there has at last been some business done for India. A few lines of Dhooties have been booked for Calcutta and other markets in India are telegraphing enquiries for "Printed" and "Dyed" Goods, but what will be the position when they receive the reply telegrams three weeks after they were wired, one cannot say, and the thought which is uppermost in the mind of the dealer is that such delays in business telegrams should be possible. We mentioned some time ago that the question of a reduction in the hours of working in the cotton trade would be coming forward, and that it was a certainty that some considerable reduction would be agreed upon and so add to the cost of production. This matter is being negotiated, but at the moment such negotiations seem almost an absurdity. The trouble at present is not excessive hours of labour, but excessive short time with the shadow of an absolute stoppage owing to lack of business. However, so far as the question of working hours, when there is work to do, is concerned, the present position is that the operatives are asking for a 44 hour week—they worked in pre-war days a 55 hour week; the employers have offered to reduce working hours to 49 hours, but since then a committee of the Industrial Council has unanimously recommended a 48 hour week in practically all trades, and this will probably be the basis of the ultimate settlement.

BANVARD'S COMPANY GIVES UNALLOYED PLEASURE.

The Banvard's Musical Comedy Company continued their run of full houses last night. They presented "Oh Papa" for the first time and it proved an instantaneous hit. All the girls were if anything in better form last night, and extremely vivacious. The "play" outrides itself occasionally and gives the charming chorus girls time to robe in another set of original and delightful dresses. Unalloyed pleasure of the audience was obvious.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

Orders issued by Mr. J. W. Frank, D.S.P.R.

LEAVE.

Orchestra Conductor Gonzales has been granted three months' leave to date from 21st May. His duties will be undertaken during his absence, by Assistant Bandmaster Rodriguez.

WEATHER REPORT.

May 16d. 13d. 17m.—No returns from Japan and continental stations north of Foochow. Pressure has decreased slightly over the Philippines, and increased slightly elsewhere. The Tongking depression has partly filled up.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.1 inch. Total since January 1st, 12.19 inches, against an average of 13.66 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 17th.
1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock. E. winds, fresh; fair.
2.—Plover (Chan's) N. winds, strong, moderating.
3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook. The same as No. 1.
4.—North coast of China between Hongkong and Haiman. The same as No. 1.

C. W. JEFFRIES, Chief Assistant.
Hongkong Observatory, May 16, 1919.

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha. True time the years 1919-20.
The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 1 inch below mean sea-level.
To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

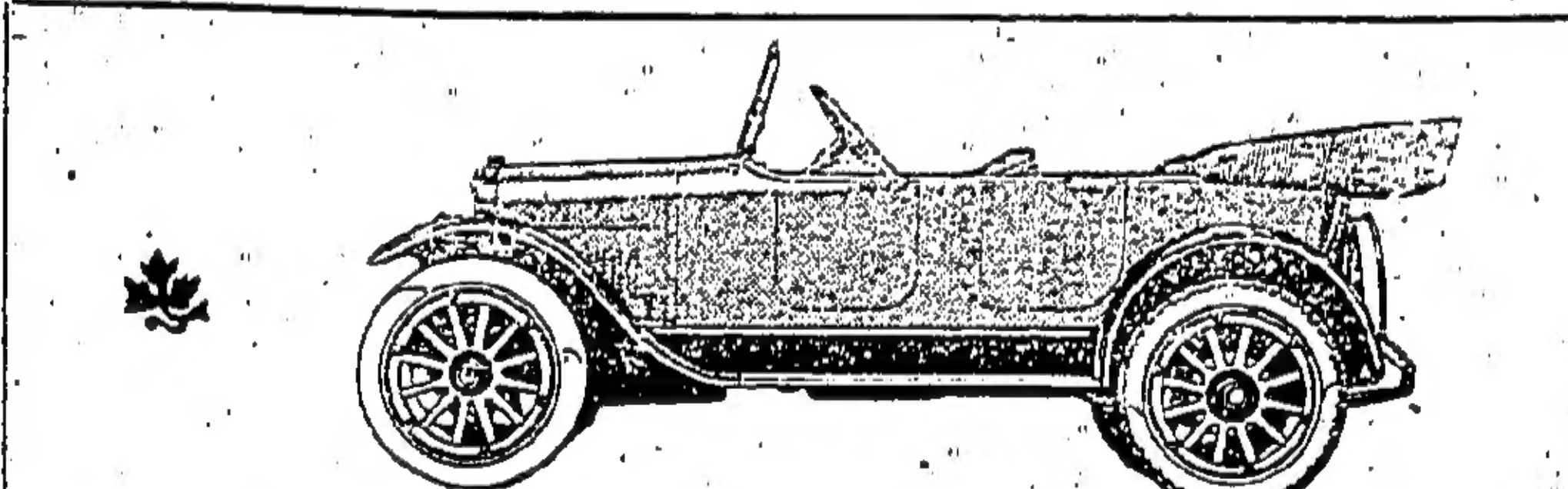
May 17 to 23, 1919.

Date	High Water		Low Water	
	Time	Height	Time	Height
Sat	17 m 51	7.1	3 m 11	3.2
Sun	18 m 04	7.1	4 m 02	3.2
Mon	19 m 10	7.1	4 m 49	3.2
Tue	20 m 16	7.1	5 m 40	3.2
Wed	21 m 22	7.1	6 m 25	3.2
Thurs	22 m 28	7.1	7 m 14	3.2
Fri	23 m 34	7.1	8 m 06	3.2

HONGKONG REGISTER.

Previous day at 5 p.m.	On date at 5 a.m.	
	5 a.m.	8 p.m.
Barometer	29.78	29.76
Temperature	78	71
Humidity	80	87
Direction of Wind	ENE	E
Force	4	5
Weather	0	0
Rain	0.08	0.01

Highest open air Temperature on the 16th-79
Lowest open air Temperature on the 16th-71
T. F. CLAYTON, Director.
Hongkong Observatory, May 16, 1919.



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The Aviation Insurance Association has been formed to accept risks and abroad all risks in connection with both heavier and lighter aircraft. The association consists of underwriting members of the Eagle, Star and British Dominions Insurance Co., Ltd., and the Overseas Insurance Co., Ltd. The business will be controlled by a committee of five, consisting of Messrs. C. Campbell, J. E. Duder, and George Simmons (all of Lloyd's), Sir Edward M. Mount, Chairman of the Eagle, Star and British Dominions Insurance Co., Ltd., and Mr. Herbert E. Heath (of Lloyd's) and chairman of the Overseas Insurance Co., Ltd. The committee have appointed as manager Mr. Horatio Barber, A.F.A.S., F.R.G.S., and offices have been opened at No. 1 Royal Exchange Avenue E.C.

The formation of the association is the result of an increasing demand for aviation insurance, and underwriters consider that this will be best served by a strong association having the resources necessary to create an expert and world wide organization. No effort will be spared in producing forms of policies and rates of premiums to meet trade and other requirements.

A preliminary prospectus and proposal forms for the various risks undertaken will be issued this week, and will be forwarded upon request.

YOUR OWN AEROPLANE FOR £350.

Flying promises to be as cheap as motoring in the near future. The Blackburn Aeroplane Co., of Leeds, is producing a 2 seater machine with a 46 h.p. Gnat A.B.C. engine for £350. It is expected that this machine will appeal to the young sportsman whose sporting instinct is more fully developed than his banking account, said an official of the firm to an interviewer. It has been our aim to produce a sound machine which will sell at a low figure and which will cost no more to maintain than the ordinary touring motor-car. Two people will be able to sit side by side in a comfortably upholstered cockpit, and the machine will be capable of 95 miles an hour on a petrol consumption of approximately 35 gallons per hour. The same company has completed its plans for starting aeroplane services between Leeds, Liverpool, and Belfast; Leeds and Hull, Amsterdam, Rotterdam, and Antwerp; and from Hull to Christiania, Stockholm, and Copenhagen. They have also received orders from Yorkshire business men for private machines capable of flying to Petrograd, Marseilles, Turin, and Naples. The machine which will be used for these long distance flights will be the Kangaroo, a twin-engine machine largely employed in the Air Force for anti-submarine and coastal patrol work. It can carry two passengers and about half a ton of mail or goods a distance of 700 miles at an average speed of 95 miles an hour under normal weather conditions. Similar machines are to be used for seaside joy-rides.

SINGAPORE RUBBER SHARE MARKET.

MESSRS. FRASER & CO.'S QUOTATIONS.

SINGAPORE, April 26.	
Alor Gajah (S)	3.25 3.45
Amal Malay (S)	2.25 2.40
Ayer Hitam (S)	12.00 13.00
Ayer Kuning (S)	1.20 1.30
Ayer Molek (S)	2.40 2.50
Ayer Panas (S)	11.00 11.50
Batu Gajah (S)	5.00 5.25
Batu Lintang (S)	0.95 1.05
Batu Pahat (S)	13.75 14.50
Batu Pinar (S)	0.75 1.00pm
Batu Tiram (S)	0.80 0.70
Batu Tiram (S)	1.00 1.10
Batu Tiram (S)	2.55 2.75
Batu Tiram (S)	0.65 0.75
Batu Tiram (S)	11.00
Changkat S'edang (S)	8.00 8.25
Glensay P'ras (S)	2.25 2.50
Haytor (S)	7.00 8.00
Indragiri (S)	7.35 7.50
Jaram (S)	1.40 1.50
Jarak (S)	1.80 1.90
Kampong (S)	4.25 4.75
Kedah (S)	3.45 3.65
Kelomak R. (S)	6.00 6.35
Kempas (S)	7.90 8.10
Kluang (S)	5.75 6.10
Lunas (S)	7.50 8.25
Malaka Pinda (S)	2.50 2.75
Malakoff (S)	4.45 4.60
Mandak-Tekong (S)	0.75 0.85
Mengui (S)	6.75 6.25
New Serendah (S)	2.90 3.15
Nyalas (S)	7.35 8.15
Pajam (S)	12.70 13.25
Pantai (S)	1.50 1.40
Parit Parak (S)	2.45 2.60
Perak River (S)	2.45 2.60
Pulau Belang (S)	4.00
Punggor (S)	0.85 0.75
Rodella (S)	10.50 11.00
Sandycroft (S)	3.65 4.00
Serdai (S)	7.55 7.75
Sembong (S)	0.25 0.35
Sungei Bagan (S)	2.40 2.75
Sungei Patah (S)	0.45 0.55pm
Tambalak (S)	0.90 1.05
Tipah (S)	16.50 17.50
Tekong (S)	11.00 12.00
Temeh (S)	1.15 1.30
Trevalgar (S)	1.15 1.30
Ulu Pandan (S)	0.80 0.90
United Malacca (S)	1.35 1.45
Utan Simpan (S)	3.00 3.30

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

HONGKONG, 16th MAY, 1919. OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

11 A.M.

MARKET INDICATIONS.

Banking, 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

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INTIMATIONS

PIAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

FRENCH AS AUTHOR.

LONDON, May 2.
[The first part of this message was published yesterday.]

In his book General French says that owing to the difficulty of finding Lanrezac, he returned to Le Cateau, where late in the evening the climax of his disillusionment was experienced when he received a request from Lanrezac to attack the flank of the German columns then pressing him back. General French says it was difficult to realise what was in Lanrezac's mind when he made such a request and he replied that such an operation was quite impracticable. Describing the events of August 23 General French says he left Smith Dorrien with full confidence as regards his men but when he returned to headquarters in the afternoon reports were received from Smith Dorrien that he was abandoning the "Mons" salient, although Smith Dorrien need not have feared an imminent turning movement, and his front was nowhere greatly threatened.

Consequent on the arrival of further disquieting reports that evening, General French decided on immediate retreat as the situation was now strategically untenable. He pays tribute to the support given by Allenby and Drummond in taking severe pressure off the Fifth Division and the steadiness and skill of Haig and the First Corps. He concludes with a graphic picture of the worn out staff saying, "It makes my blood boil to hear and read the columns often heaped on the head of the unfortunate staff."

JAPAN AND KIAOCHU.

Baron Makino on behalf of the Japanese delegation has issued a statement emphasizing Japan's determination to reconstitute Shantung to China, which will enjoy unreserved sovereignty over the peninsula, Japan only retaining the economic privileges formerly granted to Germany. As regards the railway, which will be a Sino-Japanese enterprise, the police employed will be composed of Chinese with Japanese instructors to be selected by the Chinese Government.

TRIAL OF TURKS.

LONDON, May 2.
Constantinople reports a great trial by court martial of twelve unionist leaders including the ex-Grand Vizier Said Halim Pasha and ex-Foreign Minister Halil Bey. It opened with the indictment of a lengthy list of atrocities against Armenians and forebodings of the death penalty against Inver Talar and Djimal, who are fugitives and will be tried by default.

TRANSATLANTIC AVIATION.

LONDON, May 2.
The American naval fliers are to start at Trepassy, Newfoundland, and fly via the Azores and Lisbon to Plymouth. A speed of 65 miles an hour is expected. The machines will fly to Newfoundland from Rockaway Beach as a trial trip, stopping at Halifax en route.

PRINCE OF WALES NOW ON THE SQUARE.

LONDON, May 2.
The Prince of Wales was initiated a Freemason in the Household Brigade Lodge. The ceremony was conducted by Prince Arthur of Connaught assisted by Lord Amphil.

EARTHQUAKE.

LONDON, May 2.
San Salvador reports that 75 were killed and over 500 injured in an earthquake which did extensive damage to the city and district.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

The following is noteworthy in connection with Britain's claim of initiating the labour programme of the League of Nations. Washington reports that Mr. Wilson cabled Mr. Tumulty, pointing that the labour programme to be adopted by the peace conference constitutes one of the most important achievements of the new day wherein the interests of labour will be systematically and intelligently safeguarded and promoted. This great step forward may be overlooked amidst the multitude of other interests, yet no other single thing that has been done will help more to stabilize the condition of labour throughout the world and ultimately relieve the unhappy conditions which in many places have prevailed. I regard this as one of the most gratifying achievements.

THE SITUATION.

ENGLISH SENT HOME.
The C. & O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Arcton* arrived at Yokohama May 13 and will sail for San Francisco on May 14. The C. & O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Arcton* arrived at Yokohama May 13 and will sail for San Francisco on May 14.

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

ANTHRAX.

LONDON, May 2.
In the House of Commons, Sir Hume Greenwood moved the second reading of the Prevention of Anthrax Bill, empowering the prohibition of the importation of goods infected or likely to be infected by anthrax, the compulsory disinfection of infected wool and similar goods, and the establishment of a State works for the disinfection of infected goods at importers' cost. Sir H. Greenwood said despite all precautions, the number of cases of anthrax in the wool and allied trades had steadily increased. The Bill was based on the unanimous recommendation of a committee representing the trades concerned. A process for effectively eliminating the anthrax germ without affecting the material had been discovered. The cost of establishing the first disinfecting station was estimated at over £40,000. As soon as it was erected, it was to start disinfecting East Indian goat-hair which was one of the sources of infection. Australia and New Zealand had already stamped out the disease. There is every reason to hope other dominions will prevent the export of infected material. The number will doubtless be reduced by the international health department which is established under the auspices of the League of Nations. The Bill was read a second time.

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS FOR OVERSEAS FIGHTERS.

LONDON, May 2.
Reuter learns officially that the Government has approved a scheme whereby imperial and overseas ex-officers and men, including those who in the imperial forces, will be eligible for financial assistance to pursue courses of higher education at the Universities, in agriculture, also in offices and works, in the United Kingdom or elsewhere. The overseas forces included are the South African contingents, the West India regiments, the Newfoundland Forestry Corps, the Indian army, and the reserve of officers and temporary officers of the Indian army. The maximum assistance will be £225 yearly, with an additional allowance for wife and children. The committee of management established includes representatives of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and Newfoundland. The committee has arranged tours for officers of the Dominion forces to educational establishments, agricultural, fishing, industrial, mining, and other centres. All public departments, many large businesses and other organisations have co-operated heartily in this endeavour to provide facilities for overseas officers and men.

PROPERTY SALE.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. G. P. Lamont submitted for sale by Public Auction, in his Sales Rooms, by order of the mortgagee, the valuable leasehold property, situated at Wing On Street. The property consists of all that piece or parcel of ground registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 1985 together with the messuages and buildings thereon known as No. 30 and 32 Wing On Street held for the term of 999 years from the 26th day of June 1843 under a Crown Lease dated the 5th November 1913. Area 1,098 square feet or thereabouts. The annual Crown rent is \$16.00.

Mr. G. P. Lamont announced there was a reserve of \$85,000 on the property. Bidding was brisk the price advancing by \$500 a bid until \$44,000 was reached. This proved to be the limit and the property was knocked down to Mr. Lau Yam Tung.

The China Mail has received a letter from one of China's representatives at the Manila Olympiad. Everything seems to be alright except the tennis. Dr. Teo of Peking failed to turn up which leaves only Ng Sze Kwong and C. Choo as tennis representatives for China. Choo is a "B" class player and is not expected to win any singles. As the rules provide that both representatives have to win against each of the other nations, it will be seen that China's chance is hopeless, in tennis, as our correspondent says.

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and its entitled Frank More is nature and he has ordered the *Arcton* to sail for San Francisco on May 14.

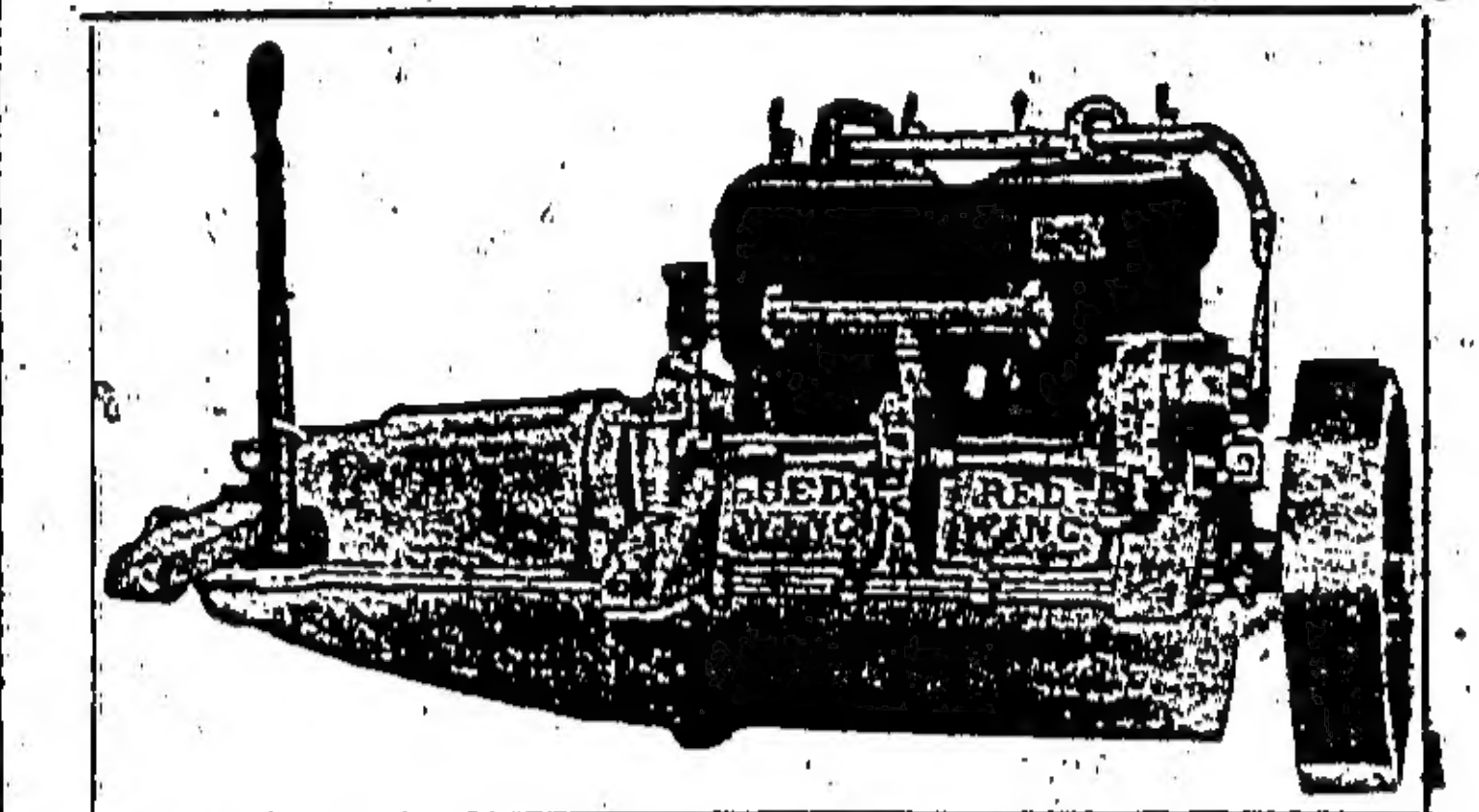
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ARRIVALS.	
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KWANTO MARU, Jap., 879 tons, from Wuhu, Capt. S. Ogawa, Kahara, B30.	
URUSAN MARU, Jap., 1,729 tons, from Waihaiwei, Capt. T. Kimura, M.B.K., West Point.	
SUNNING, Brit., 1,570 tons, from Canton, Capt. W. Benson, B. & S., B6.	
LUCHOW, Brit., 1,221 tons, from Swatow, Capt. Moore, B. & S., C41.	
KUEICHOW, Brit., 1,250 tons, from Chiao and Tientsin, Capt. Cole, B. & S., C39.	
HOI HANG, Brit., 234 tons, from Canton, Capt. Wooliscott, Wo Fat Co, Wharf.	
LUN SHING, Brit., 1,049 tons, from Saigon, Capt. Muir, Kung Yuen, C43.	
COLUMBIA, Amer., 3,348 tons, from San Francisco, Capt. Nelson, P.M. S.S. Co., Bowline.	
CHANGCHOW, Brit., 1,203 tons, from Bangkok, Capt. J. Robinson, B. & S., West Point.	
CHENAN, Brit., 1,355 tons, from Shanghai, Capt. Lever, B. & S., C36.	
FOOLEE, Chi., 880 tons, from Weihaiwei, Capt. Miyake, Yi Tai Hong, C18.	
FAURANG, Brit., 1,410 tons, from Pankok, Capt. D. Skinner, J.M. & Co., C15.	
SHINYO MARU, Jap., 6,374 tons, from Manila, Capt. H. Sagawa, T.K.E., B13.	
TAMATE MARU, No. 2, Jap., 549 tons, from Macao, Capt. T. Kozaki, J. Osewa, C34.	
SHIDZUOKA MARU, Jap., 5,837 tons, from Shanghai, Capt. E. Ozaki, N.Y.E., A4.	
TENNER, Brit., 1,805 tons, from Singapore, Capt. R. K. Waller, B. & S., Boits Wharf.	
May 16.	
SIAM MARU, Jap., 2,822 tons, from Singapore, Capt. Watanabe, O.S.K., Kowloon Wharf.	
SUN TAK, Port., 1,115 tons, from K.C. Wan, Capt. Carver, Tung Hing, C14.	
May 16.	
ASIA, Chi., 683 tons, from Haiphong, Capt. J. H. van den Berg, Wai Hing, C45.	
NISSIN MARU, Jap., 691 tons, from Keelung, Capt. S. Kato, M.B.K., C33.	
CLEARANCES.	
May 15.	
GOKENZAU MARU, Jap., 7 a.m., for Hongkong, M.B.K.	
PAE LING, Brit., 4 p.m., for Liverpool and Antwerp via Straits and Suez, B. & S.	
KWAI WAH, Chi., 7 a.m., for Tourane, Wai Hing.	
YANGTZE KIANG, Chi., 12 noon, for Tourane, Yuen Cheong Lee.	
ELVIRA STOUT, Amer., noon, for Manila, Muller & Co.	
KWANTO MARU, Jap., 10.30 a.m., for Canton, Chokyei.	
W. F. BURROWS, Amer., 5 p.m., for U.S. Jaska via Nagasaki, Admiral Line.	
VAN WAERWIL, Dutch, 4 p.m., for Belwan via Amoy, J.C.I.L.	
URAYASU MARU, Jap., 5 p.m., for Saigon, Y.K.R.	
CHENAN, Brit., 4 p.m., for Canton, B. & S.	
MAYAPOURI, Brit., 6 p.m., for Wuhu, Muller & Co.	
May 16.	
YUE YING WA, Chi., 6 a.m., for Canton, Cheong Yuen.	
DAITOKU MARU, No. 8, Jap., 6 a.m., for Haiphong, O.S.K.	
HATAN, Brit., 2 p.m., for Foochow via Swatow, D.L. & C.	
ALICORNE, Chi., 6.30 a.m., for Hoihow via Pakhoi, Chiat On.	

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POST OFFICE.

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The parcel post service to Cuba is suspended.

It is notified that all restrictions as to the use of wireless telegraphy by Merchant Vessels on the China Station have been abolished.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

No official letter addressed to Abadan, Ahwas or Mohammara in the Persian Gulf may exceed eight ounces in weight.

The insured letter and insured parcel services between Egypt (or in transit through Egypt) and Cyprus are temporarily suspended.

Uninsured parcels for the United Kingdom will in future be forwarded from Hongkong in bags and the Public are therefore advised to pack such parcels very carefully.

Until further notice parcels for civil addresses in the provinces of Unio, Vicenza, Treviso, Padova, Venice and Belluno in Italy will not be accepted for transmission unless posted under the British War Office Permit.

INWARD MAILS.

SUNDAY, May 18.
Straits—Per ARRATON APCAR.

OUTWARD MAILS.

SATURDAY, May 17.
Dairen—Per URUSAN MARU, 11 a.m.
Straits and Bangkok—Per LINAN, 2 p.m.
Straits and India via Calcutt—Per CHANANG, 2 p.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per CHENAN, 4 p.m.
Swatow, Shanchai and North China—Per CHOYBANG, 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, May 18.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keelung—Per KALJO MARU, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Waihaiwei, Canton and Tientsin—Per KUEICHOW, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, May 19.
Straits and Bangkok—Per SUN TAK, 9 a.m.
Philippine Islands—Per WINGSANG, 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, May 20.
Pakhoi and Haiphong—Per KALFONG, 9 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok—Per CHANGCHOW, 11 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per A. APCAR, 11 a.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per PAKHOI, 11 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAIHONG, 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, May 21.
Shanghai, North China, Japan via Kobe, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO—Per COLOMBIA, Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

THURSDAY, May 22.
Shanghai and North China—Per SUIYANG, 11 a.m.
Shanghai, North China and Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE via CANADA—Per AFRICA MARU, Registration 10.45 a.m. Letters 11.30 a.m.

FRIDAY, May 23.
Shanghai, North China and Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO—Per SHINYO MARU, Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

SATURDAY, May 24.
Shanghai and North China—Per YINGCHOW, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, May 25.
Swatow and Bangkok—Per HUPPE, 11 a.m.

TUESDAY, May 27.
SUIYANG, 11 a.m.
THURSDAY, May 29.
Shanghai and North China—Per SUNNING, 11 a.m.

LOCAL AND REGULAR MAILS OUTWARD.

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Tai Po 10.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.

Chung Chow 2.30 p.m.
Shantou 3.00 p.m. 11.00 a.m.
Saturday 6.00 p.m.
Sunday 6.00 p.m.

Shantou, Shatin, Shengshui, Antai, Ping Shan & Sinitan, 4.00 p.m. 11.00 a.m.
Aberdeen, Sai Kung and Stanley 4.30 p.m. 11.00 a.m.

Canton and (By Train) 2.00 p.m.
Semaui (Letters 6 p.m.)
Wuchow 4.00 p.m. 10.00 a.m.

Macao 7.30 a.m. 7.30 a.m. 8.15 a.m.
Kongmoon 7.30 a.m. 7.30 a.m. 8.30 p.m.
Nantau and Semaui 8.00 p.m. 5.00 p.m.
Shamchun 10.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.

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Tai Ping 9.30 p.m. 8.30 p.m.

Shak Ki 9.30 p.m. 9.30 p.m. 9.30 p.m.
Kongmoon 8.00 p.m. 8.00 p.m. 8.00 p.m.
Kankong 8.00 p.m. 8.00 p.m. 8.00 p.m.

Wuchow 4.00 p.m. 10.00 p.m. 4.00 p.m.
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Latest Advice.

The C.P.O.S. Co's R.M.S. *Empress of Russia* sailed from Kobe May 14 for Yokohama.The P. & O.E.N. Co's s.s. *Arcton* APCAR left Singapore for this Port on the 15th instant at a.m. and is due here on the 15th instant at about day-light.

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